

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 and 11-23. The Examiner has also objected to claim 10 but has indicated that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. While applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position for the reasons set forth in the previous response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of now cancelled claim 10. Accordingly, as all of the remaining claims depend from claim 1, the remaining claims should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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